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THERE'S A *New Blue* UNDER THE SUN!



Blue work shirts *used* to be known as "fast faders." But that was well before a wonderful new work shirt fabric we call Pepperell Vat-Dyed Chambray came on the market.

Work shirts made from this amazing material know how to fight fading, not only in the sun but through countless tubbings as well. And did the men who work on farms and in shops take to this new Pepperell product? You bet they did—for men who put work clothes to the rugged test of day in, day out use were quick to appreciate the quality and value of this fine fabric.

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# NEWS OF THE MILLS

## New Blue

The Pepperell work fabric advertisement shown on the opposite page will be seen by nearly three-and-a-half million readers of the February 7th issue of Newsweek. It features Pepperell Vat-Dyed Chambray, a fabric specially woven at Lindale to take plenty of hard wear—and vat-dyed so that neither sun nor washings will fade it.

## News from Lindale

Congratulations to a grand Lindale couple—Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Tillery, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in December! Mr. Tillery is a retired Pepperell employee, and all of their nine children have worked in the Lindale mill. Several grandchildren are Pepperell workers, and one granddaughter is a teacher in the Pepperell School.



Another Lindale man who has set a record to be proud of is J. W. Bishop, with a remarkable attendance of 69 months at work without a single day's absence. Mr. Bishop works in the Carding Department, and his 6-year attendance record includes the long weary war years, when so much extra work was necessary.

## Top Honors

John Higginbottom of Biddeford walked away with top honors for his pigeons at the ninth annual show of the Maine State Pigeon Association, which was held in December at Sanford. John, who is President of the Association, is a Picker Tender in Biddeford's Sheeting Division. Of the 150 birds entered in the show, John's old Satinette breed cock was judged the finest of them all, and his young cock of the same breed was also awarded a first prize.

## Timber!

Roger Cyr and his dad won the bowling trophy in the junior division of the second annual Community Father and Son Week at Fall River. "Dad" is better known as George to his fellow workers in B Weave Room. And probably the proudest person about the whole thing is Roger's mother, Irene, who also works in B Weave and is a Pepperell Sheet reporter.

## Most Beautiful Children

The wife of the editor of the Biddeford, England Gazette wrote us the other day, "I'm always interested in reading your Pepperell Sheet which my husband brings home from the office. You seem to be a very happy family at your factories." But the "pièce de résistance" that Mrs. Cleaver goes on to add is this, "Your employees seem to have most beautiful children." Pepperell parents have agreed with that right along, but it's so nice when other people think so too!

## Blanket Business

A recent order for Pepperell blankets from one of the large mail order houses indicates a marked improvement in the blanket business for 1949. This particular order, which is one of the biggest individual orders ever taken, was for nearly half a million dollars worth of blankets!

## Hospital Chairman

As far as Pepperell people are concerned the Board of Directors for the Central Maine General Hospital couldn't have picked a better person to replace Samuel Stewart, who resigned after 20 years as chairman. The new man for that position is the Lewiston General Manager—Mr. Harrison, and his fellow workers know what an able chairman he will make! Mr. Harrison is also president of the National Finishers Association.

## Happy Reunion

It was a Merry Christmas for Mrs. Maria Sbardella of Italy, who arrived in America in December to live near her three sons in Fall River. One of her sons, Angelo, has been a Weaver in B Mill since 1933 and had not seen


his mother in over 25 years, and it was even longer for Louis and Alexander. Besides the reunion with her sons, Mrs. Sbardella met her 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren! We all hope she will enjoy many more Christmases in her new country.

## New President

At the December meeting of the Pepperell Foremen's Club at Biddeford Albert Dudley was elected President to succeed James Donovan, who held that office for 1948. Other officers named were Holroyd Hirst, Vice President; Charles Nannery, Secretary; and Paul Larose, Treasurer.

## The Cover

Pretty girl who works at Pepperell models pretty pajamas made of Pepperell fabrics. The girl is Rose Furtado, 18-year-old Creel Girl on Rayon Warpers in the Fall River plant. The pajamas are made by Holliday Pajama Inc. of cloth Rose helped make. Working on rayon is a family affair with Rose, because her mother, Mrs. Gladys Almeida, is also employed at the plant. For more about Pepperell rayon and the garments made from it see the story which begins on page 5.



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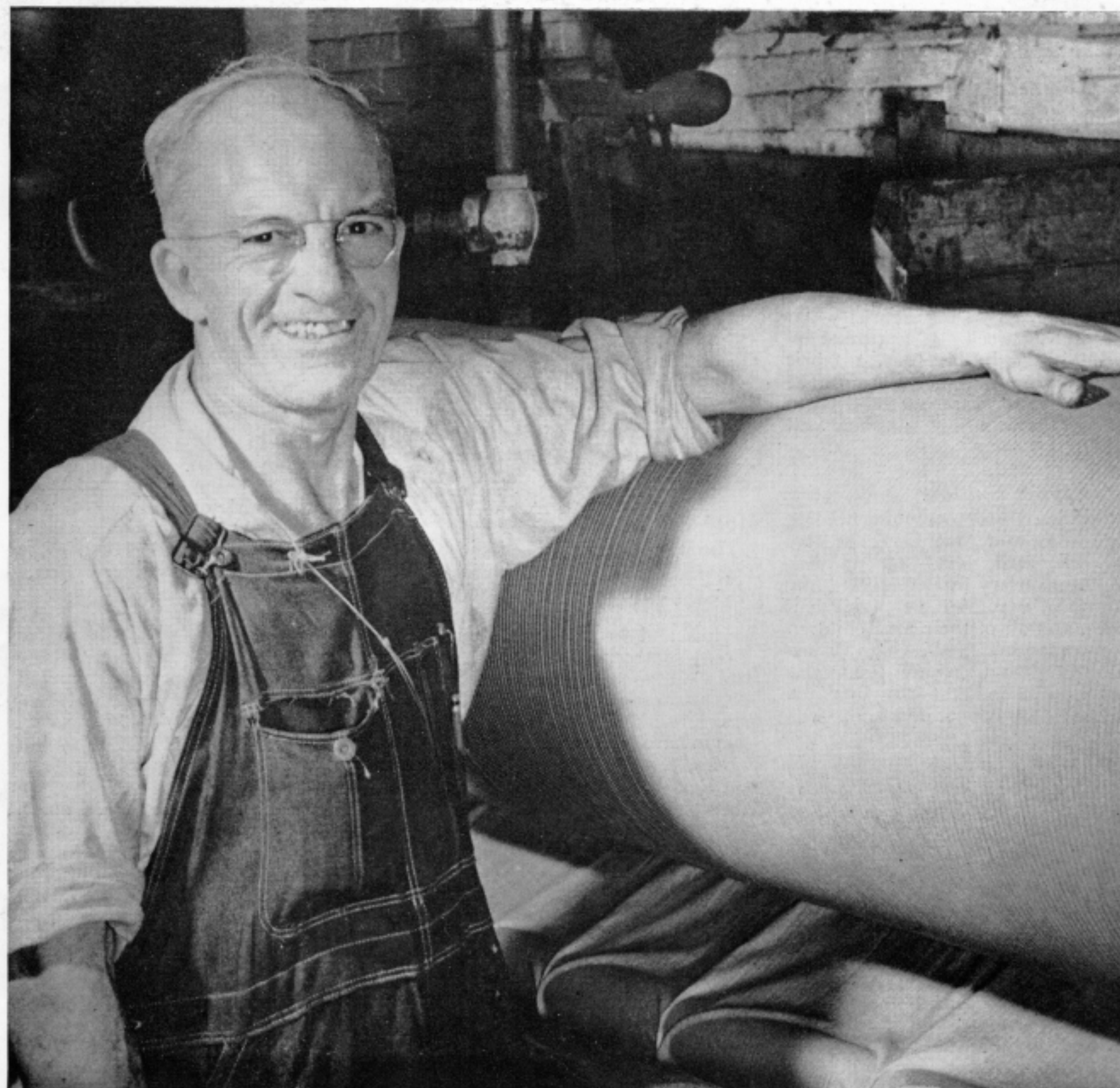
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Archie Beland came to work at the Lewiston Bleachery 15 years ago; is still going strong as a Jig Dye Operator.

Hunting is his favorite sport, "Although this year I didn't do very well," he says. "No deer — just rabbits."

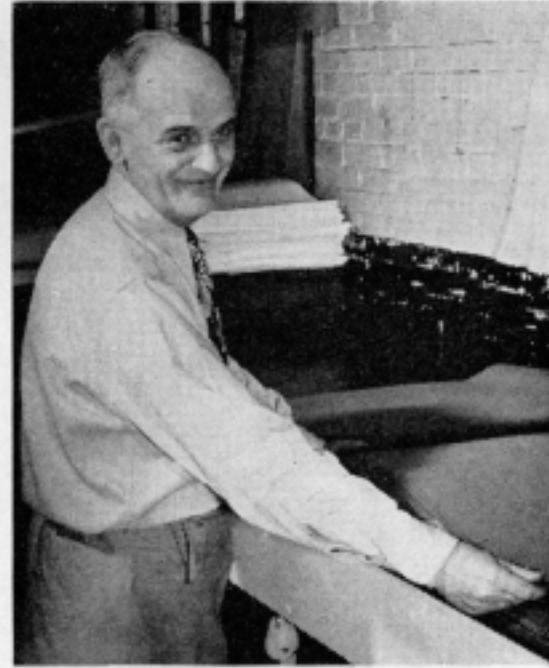
## *Ten to Fifty Years at Lewiston*

**Jeremiah Coughlin and John Turner lead off with 50 years, while "Baby" John Touchette brings up the rear**

**W**HEN you've worked in one place 50 years, as Jeremiah Coughlin and John Turner have, you get to know a lot of things about it. Jeremiah and John came to the Bleachery in 1899, and they've seen many changes and

improvements during those years. They remember particularly when Mr. Harrison joined the company in 1920, and when the Sheet Factory was added in 1930. And they've seen the Bleachery through not one, but two

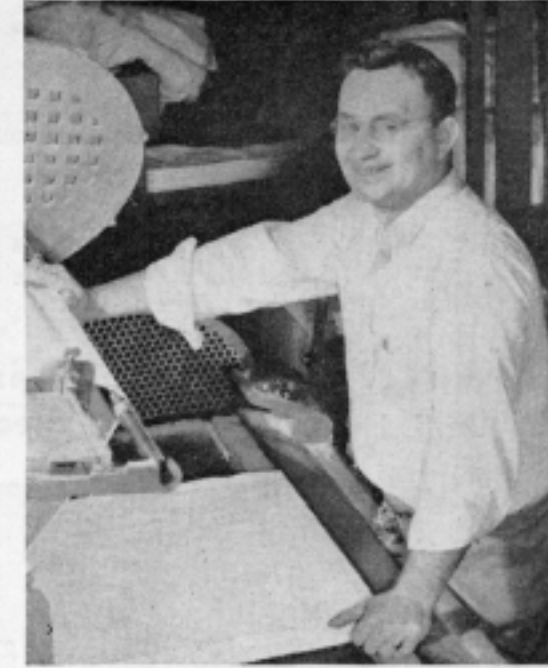




**Peter Michaud** started in the Bleach House 35 years ago; later was transferred to Colored Folding, where he's done everything "except being boss." Leisure time is spent with his 5 children or playing cards at Pastime Club.



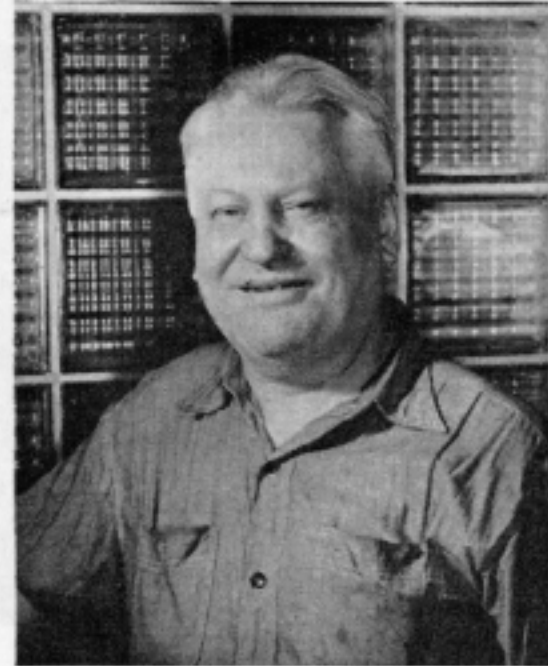
**Archie Bouchard's** wife, 4 sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law and his father-in-law all work at Lewiston. Archie has 11 years' service as a Tearer. His hobbies are collecting light opera and symphony records, non-fiction books.



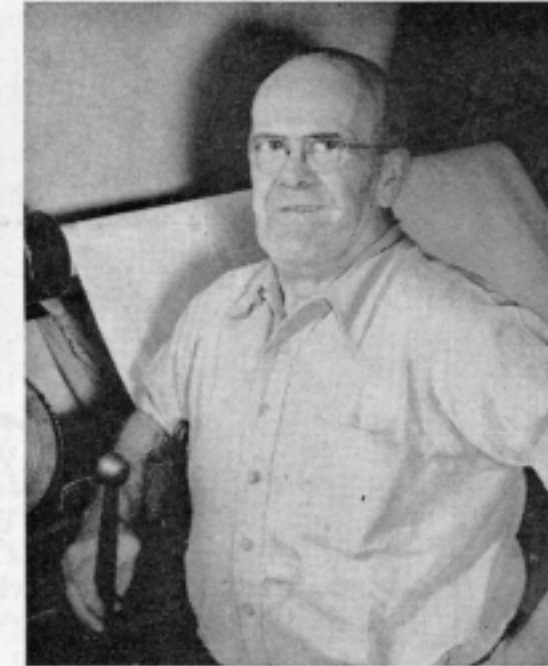
**Former baseball** player John Touchette began work at the Bleachery 10 years ago tearing slips. His present job is Yarding. Wife Liane, his father-in-law Honore Frechette and brother-in-law John Crowley all work at the plant.



**Twenty years ago** Louis Caron started in as a Helper, was soon promoted to Carpenter. Today Louis has 12 children, and has still managed to buy his own home—plus a 6-apartment block! Spare time usually finds him fishing.



**When he came here** 40 years ago Frank Norbert used to build the coal fire under the singer. Today it's done by gas. Another job was dyeing cloth used in World War I. Frank works as an Opener in Lewiston's Starch Room.



**Louis Sampson** has been on every job in the Colored Folding Room in 25 years here. He first started 44 years ago, but left. Coming back, he was amazed by changes, but says biggest improvements have been in last few years.

**The boss presents** 50-year pins to Second Hand Jeremiah Coughlin of the Machine Shop and John Turner, Inspector in the White Folding Room.

world wars. Frank Norbert, who came in 1909, and Peter Michaud, 1914, could tell you about those events, too. The other men on these pages—Daniel Driscoll, Louis Sampson, Louis Caron, Joseph Desjardins, Clinton Morin, Archie Beland, Archie Bouchard and John Touchette have records varying from 10 to 25 years at Pepperell, and there are a lot more like them at Lewiston. So many that there wouldn't be room to show pictures of all of them in this magazine.



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# Valentines

Among Lewiston girls who have rings on that special finger



**Theresa Moreau**

The lovely engagement ring Theresa Moreau wears on her third finger left hand is from Emelien Mathieu. It's going to be an early Spring wedding for Theresa, who says, "We plan on getting married April 23rd, and after that I can't predict the future." Theresa is a Sheet Factory Hemmer.



**Gisele Cloutier**

"The lights were low and Albert (Gauthier) and I were sitting on a divan at my home Christmas Eve," says Gisele Cloutier. "We were just talking along when all of a sudden he slipped the ring on my finger!" Their immediate problem is finding a rent, then Gisele and Albert will be able to set the date.



**Midge Delisle**

Midge Delisle and her boy friend, Armand Salois, were in a tea room just before Christmas, and "he slipped the ring across the table to me." They haven't made too many plans for the future, except to be happy! Midge works in the Sheet Factory at Lewiston. Her fiance was formerly with the Canadian Army.

## Ten to Fifty Years

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**Carpenter Joseph Desjardins**, who has been at Lewiston 20 years, is an ardent fisherman. On weekend trips he takes his outboard motorboat to Lake Mooselookmeguntic to "wet a hook" for salmon.



**Clinton Morin** has worked in the Frame Room for 15 years. Studying economics is his hobby, and during his spare time you'll probably find him reading up on that or else history or social sciences.



**Daniel Driscoll**, a Checker and Packer at Lewiston, started work here 25 years ago as a Trucker. His favorite sport is deep sea fishing in Casco Bay and his friends say he's very successful at it.





Rose Furtado got right into the spirit of the thing, modeling pajamas made of Pepperell Rayon by Holliday Pajama, Inc.

## Models for a Day

"Good goods!" says Rose Beland admiring the Benjamin Shander blouses of Pepperell Rayon modeled by her friends, Marie Boucher and Jeannette Hague.



**A family party. Pepperell people display clothes made of our rayon.**

All the glamorous models aren't in New York or Hollywood! This became very clear the other day when some of the girls in Fall River put on a little private fashion show for the Pepperell Sheet photographer. The results appear on this and the next two pages. It was strictly a Pepperell affair—all Pepperell models and all the clothes made of Pepperell Rayon, and something to be proud of both ways.

Of course the slips and blouses, shirts and pajamas shown here are only a few of the things now being made of Pepperell Rayon. You'll also find our rayon fabrics in such varied items as nightgowns, children's slips and underwear, men's dressing gowns and sportswear, tablecloths, tuxedo lapels, shoe linings, dickies, lampshades, artificial flowers and basketball pants, besides the coat and suit linings that Pepperell is famous for. All these manufacturers buy Pepperell Rayons because they know they can depend on the quality. Let's keep them feeling that way.



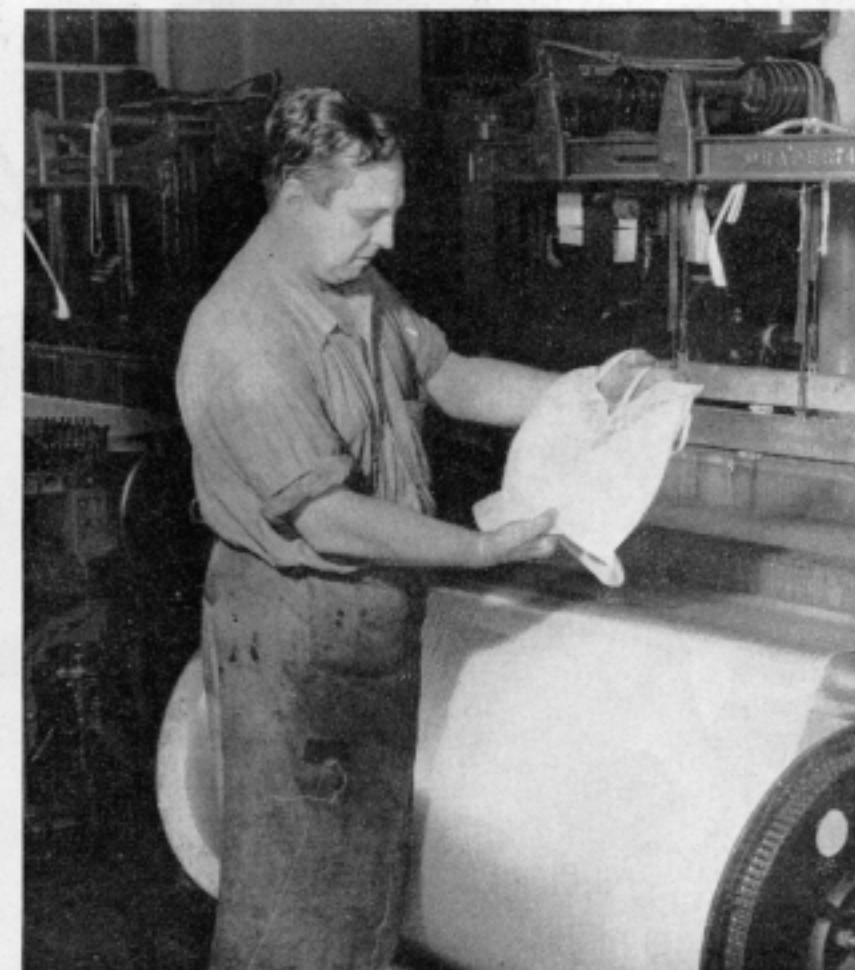


## *Models for a Day* (Continued)

They're **Pepperell Rayon**, too, those shirts that Roland Boivin and William Flynn are showing off to good advantage as they chat with Supt. Oscar Guyer. Barnett Bros. made the shirts.



**Dot Falvey**, who has been in the Employment Office since last May, looks nice behind the counter in this pink tucked-front Ann-Lee blouse made of **Pepperell Rayon** by Benj. Shander.



**Theodore Hamel** knows all about weaving **Pepperell Rayon** on the new high speed looms, but seems a little nervous about handling it when it's made up into a lacy slip like this.





**"Pretty, isn't it!"** says Edna Theriault. Slasher Tender Wallace Coulombe can hardly believe that that dainty garment is made of cloth that he helped to make. A lot of our Pepperell

Rayons, Dupre and Satin, go into slips, made by high grade manufacturers like Atlas Lingerie and Ginsburg Mfg. Co., who know they can rely on Pepperell reputation for quality.



**From her stepladder perch** Ida King stops creeling the Rayon Warper long enough to admire a slip of Pepperell Rayon. Many other types of undergarments are made of our rayons.



**Jennie Cabral greets James Wray** at the mill gate wearing a smart raincoat made by Simon Cohen Co. and lined with our rayon. Pepperell Linings also go into men's coats and suits.



Lucien Dumont announces Pepperell's noontime program.



## Tune in to Station WIDE In Biddeford

### Frame Tender Laura Belanger Wins WIDE Slogan Contest

A NEWCOMER to the town of Biddeford—in fact to all of York County, is radio station WIDE. It's Biddeford's first radio station, and since the very first broadcast on November 6 it's been attracting more and more local interest. Pepperell people feel especially pleased, too, that WIDE's slogan contest was won by one of their own fellow workers—Mrs. Laura Belanger, a Frame Tender in Room 23-B. Mrs. Belanger's slogan was selected from a group of over 450 that were submitted, and for her prize she won a handsome console combination radio and automatic record player.

Pepperell is associated with the new station in another way, too, by spon-

**Clock watcher** Burleigh Brown broadcasts the news for station WIDE. Like rest of announcers and other studio personnel he's expert at radio work.



**Merrill Smith**, announcer on "Requestfully Yours," and salesman Jim Gates, who signed up Pepperell.



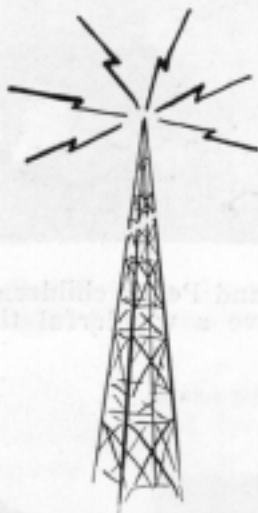


soring two daily programs. One is a 5-minute broadcast at 12:55, known as "Names in the News," which is announced by Lucien Dumont, Production Manager for WIDE. Each day this program features a name, or perhaps an event, that is outstanding for that particular day. The second daily Pepperell program is at 5:00 till 5:10, and is called "Gaslight Harmonies." This is a barbershop quartet singing old and favorite songs, and if any employee would like to hear a special song, just write it on a penny postcard and mail to WIDE, and they'll be glad to sing it.

Station WIDE, at 1400 on your dial, is on the air daily from 6:30 A.M. to midnight, and on Sundays from 8:00 A.M. to midnight. The studios are located at 234 Main Street in the Youland Building, and consist of one large studio and one small one, both built around a control room. The library, offices and reception rooms are not yet totally completed. World news reaches the studio on the teletype, coming in from New York by the United Press. News of York County comes from Boston, again through the United Press. WIDE's transmitter is on Garfield Street in Saco, and has a 300-foot aerial.

The new Biddeford Broadcasting Corporation is constantly being asked, "Why the station letters WIDE?" Ac-

cording to Mr. Dumont, the original plan was to use the letters WBME—the B for Biddeford, and ME for Maine. "But unfortunately," he says, "these letters had already been assigned. Then we tried to get WBID, with the BID for Biddeford, but those



letters had been assigned, too. We had three other choices. Naturally we chose WIDE because it actually spells a word which can be tied in with promotions. For instance we have the 'WIDE Awake Club' which greets everyone each morning. And we have 'nation-WIDE' stories similar to one of the Pepperell programs, but perhaps more important — we are 'WIDE open' for ideas. We really want to serve this community."

As to WIDE's plans for the future, Gordon J. Lewis, President of the Biddeford Broadcasting Corporation, has prepared the following statement especially for readers of the Pepperell Sheet: "WIDE is a newcomer to the great industrial cities of Biddeford and Saco. During the first months of broadcasting we have made many friends, among them the Pepperell Company, sponsors of two top programs daily.

"For many years the people of York County have been deprived of their own radio station—a broadcasting service which is now able to bring to the thousands of residents in this area the entertainment, news, variety and special broadcast features to suit the interests and tastes of our local people. We of the Biddeford Broadcasting Corporation and WIDE are proud to be able to serve Biddeford, Saco and all of York County. We will always do our best to serve the people of this area, among them being you, our listeners, and employees of Pepperell."

WIDE is Biddeford's own station, and already it has thousands of regular listeners who enjoy hearing programs and news of, and by, people they know, sponsored by well-known local stores and companies like Pepperell. If you haven't tuned in to WIDE yet—try it, you won't be sorry!

**Lucky winner** of this handsome console radio and automatic record player is Laura Belanger, Frame Tender in Room 23-B

at Biddeford. Her slogan—"This is your musical host from lake to coast," was chosen from over 450 that were submitted.







**St. Nick** thrills Brian and Michael, sons of Ed Sweeney.



**Brenda, Jane, James and Peter**, children of James Hampston, have a wonderful time.



**Santa** is an old story to Rita and Claudette Lapointe, but little Ronald is awed.

## *Santa Claus Came to Pepperell...*



**The girls in Rooms 84 and 85** at Biddeford had a grand time at their holiday party. Seated are Irene Beaulieu and Margaret Perry. Standing are Laurette Labbe, Corinne Proctor, Doris Ayotte, Mitzie Ladakakos, Jennie Landry, Fabolia Ledoux, Lorraine Burnham, Alice Martel, Laurette Perkins.



**Another gay Christmas** celebration in Biddeford was that of some of the girls in departments 54 and 55 of the Spinning Room. Gathered around their tree to exchange presents are Mary Lemieux, Emma Gaudette, Jeanne Rochefort, Rose Gagne, Alice Roberge, Rena Farley, Julia Dansereau.



**Santa Claus** (with a bow to Raymond Houde) played host to 400 kiddies at the annual Fall River children's Christmas

party, held in the gaily decorated cafeteria. In charge of the event were Miss Edna Corkum and her committee.





**Janet Ouellette**, whose mother works in B Weave Rm., can't seem to make up her mind.



**Shy Pauline Lepage**, daughter of Rudy Lepage of Maintenance Dept., has to whisper.



**Victor Martel** helps his son, Ronald, open Santa's present.

**Youngsters and oldsters alike report a merry time at the Pepperell holiday parties. These are in Biddeford and Fall River.**



**At the Christmas party** for Biddeford's Drawing In girls were Gabrielle Brackett, Beatrice LaPorte, Emma Hamm, Jacqueline Angers, Rose Guertin, Rose Judge, Gertrude Firth, Isabelle Durette, Laurette Lahouliere, Angela Peloquin, Gilberte DesRoberts, Sadie Bennett, Diana (Santa) Champagne.



**Ovilla Roy's** children get their presents from Santa at the children's party. Ovilla works in A Twisting Department.

**In the midst** of the winter's first snowstorm, George Desnoyer and his children start home after the Christmas party.





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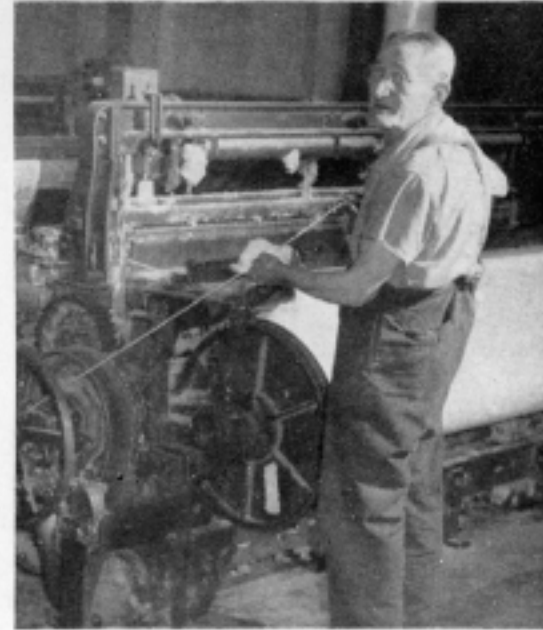


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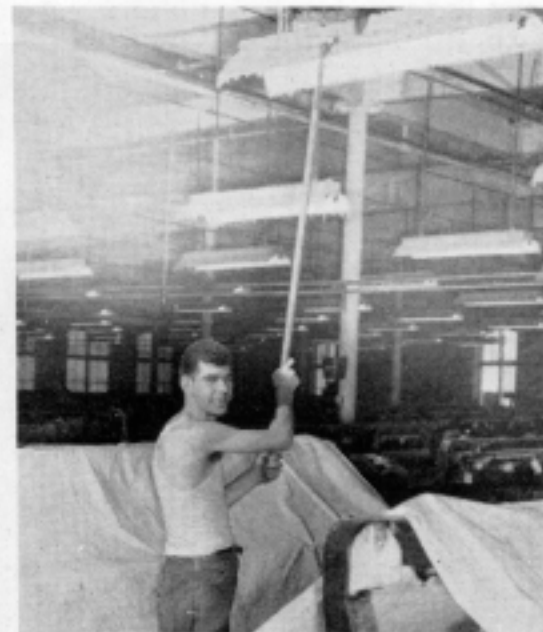
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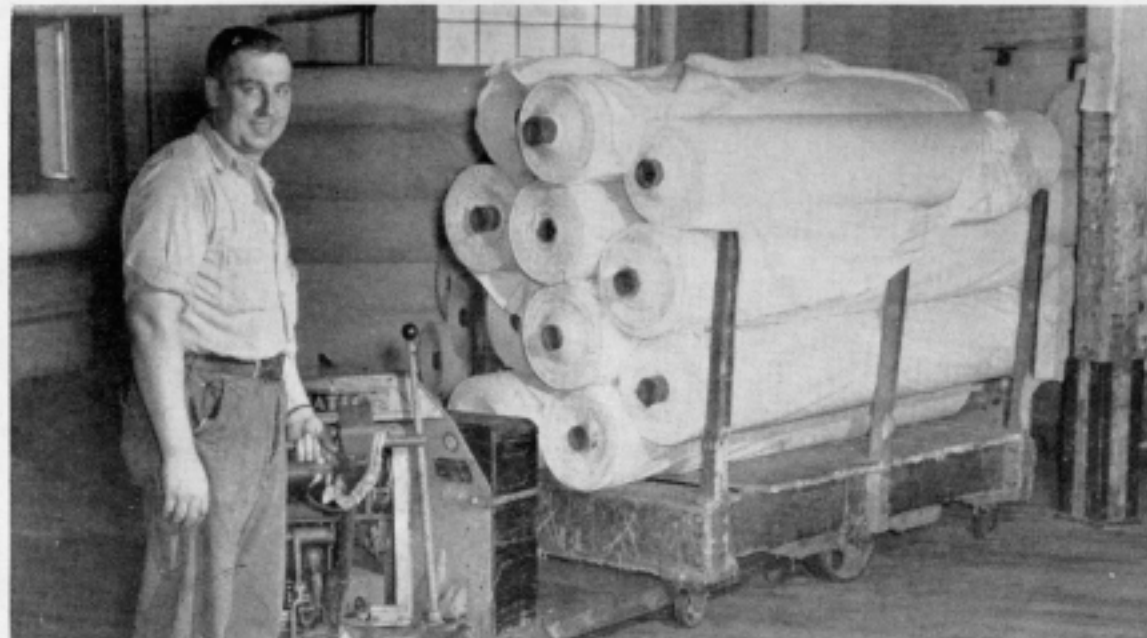
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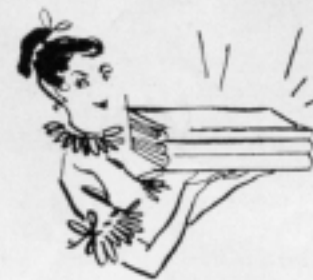


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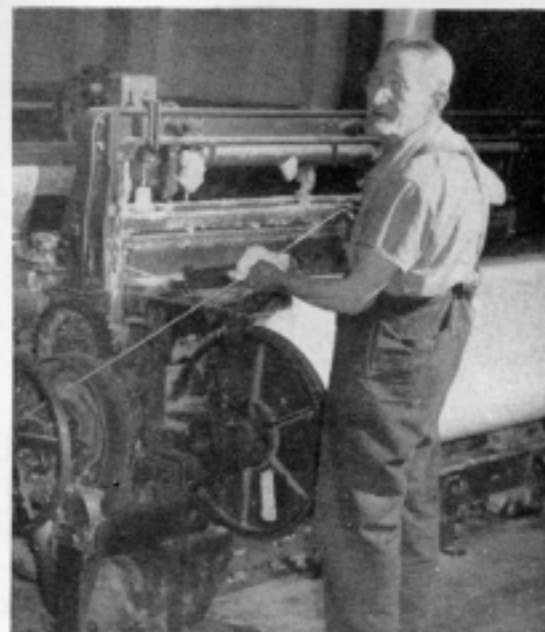


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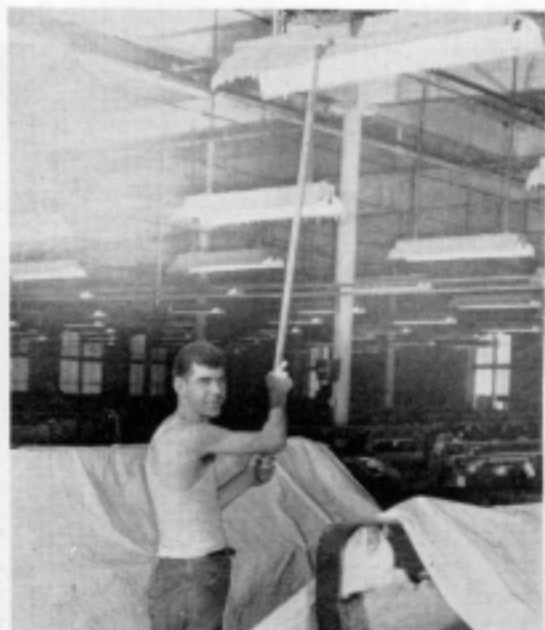
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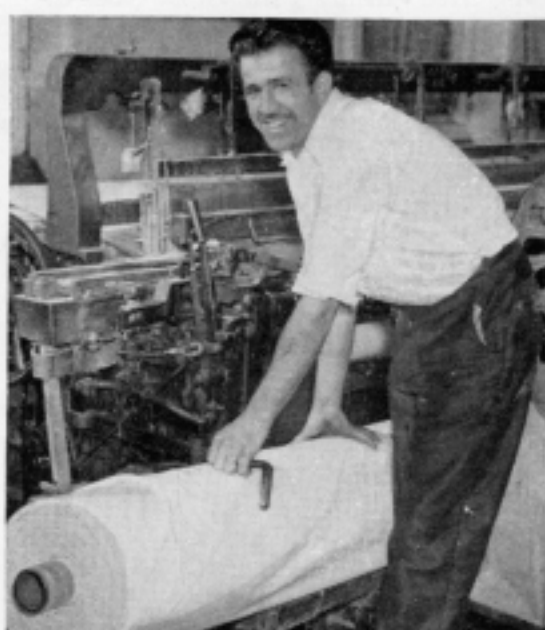
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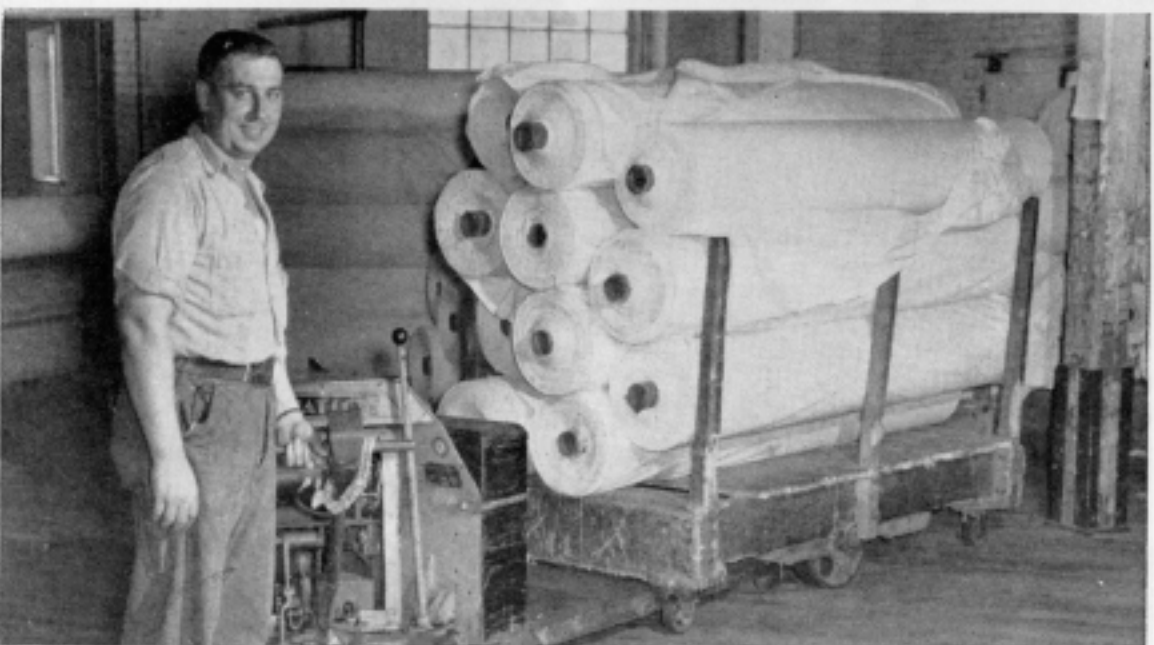
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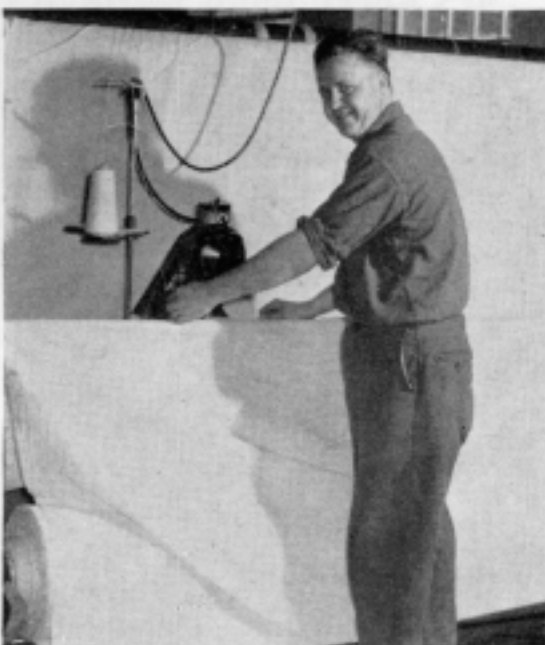
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63. **Arthur Pomerleau**, Brush and Shear Operator, runs the machines that brush the cloth clean and at the same time clips off any threads that are hanging.



64. **Material removed** by brusher is collected by condensers. These in turn are kept clean by John Nadeau, who keeps the Cloth Room swept and clean.



65. **The Roll Man**, John O'Leary, takes sheared and brushed roll and places it on inspection table. Then he removes inspected roll and sews necessary seams.



66. **As the Cloth Inspector** looks over sheeting to make sure high quality is uniform, she repairs any small defects found. Inspector is Gertrude Bisson.



67. **Albert Harvey**, Roll and Scale Man, takes rolls to the scales where he checks them to be sure weight is correct before pushing them along to Roll Sewer.



68. **Accurate records** of production are kept by Entry Clerk Blanche Desnoyers, who records the weight, length, width, style, etc., of every roll of cloth.



69. **The Roll Sewer** sews burlap bagging over the ends of the rolls so that they will stay clean during shipment. Bessie Rolphe is the lady who does this.



70. **The final step at Biddeford**. Otis Small, Shipper, places rolls in storage, then helps load them on truck for Lewiston, where we'll continue next month.





# Marjorie Mills Recipes

Tear this  
page out  
and  
save

## Chicken Roll

1 recipe baking powder biscuit dough  
1 1/4 cups chopped cooked chicken  
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1/2 teaspoon minced onion  
1 teaspoon chopped parsley  
About 1/3 cup leftover gravy

Prepare biscuit dough and roll into a rectangle 1/4 inch thick. Combine chicken, olives, onion, parsley, and salt and pepper to taste. Add enough gravy to hold the mixture together. Spread over the biscuit dough. Roll up as for a jelly roll, and place with the seam side down on a greased baking pan. Bake in a 400 degree oven for about 30 minutes, or until the biscuit is done and brown. To serve, garnish with parsley and pimiento and cut in crosswise slices; serve with chicken gravy, mushroom sauce or cream sauce. Serves 6.

## Browned Fish Fillets

Wipe fillets of flounder or sole and place on a deep plate. Pour over the fish the following dressing:

2 tablespoons salad oil  
1 teaspoon paprika  
2 teaspoons vinegar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon grated Dash of pepper

Mix together thoroughly before pouring over fish. Let the fish stand in dressing 1 hour, turning frequently. When ready to cook, lift the fish from dressing and roll lightly in seasoned flour. Dip in mixture of 1 egg beaten with 1 tablespoon cold water and roll in fine crumbs. Fry to golden brown in hot fat in skillet.

## Cheese Puff

8 slices day-old bread  
3 eggs  
6 ozs. American cheese  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Process cheese  
Dash of pepper  
2 cups milk  
1/2 teaspoon paprika

Trim crusts from bread and save for croutons or crumbs. Cut slices of bread diagonally in halves. Preheat oven to 350 degrees or moderate. Fit 8 halves of bread slices in pinwheel fashion into the bottom of an ungreased shallow 8-inch casserole. Cover bread with cheese, cut into 1/4 inch slices. Top with remaining bread, like the first layer. Beat eggs, slightly, using a rotary beater, and add salt, pepper, paprika and milk. Beat well and pour over bread and cheese. Let stand 1 hour. Bake in

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## Busy-day Beef Stew

1 pound ground beef  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons scraped onion  
Dash of pepper  
2 tablespoons flour  
1/4 cup fat  
1 cup cubed carrots  
1/2 pound green beans, cut lengthwise  
4 small potatoes, cubed  
1 cup sliced onions  
4 cups hot water  
1 bouillon cube

Mix beef and salt, onion and pepper and shape into small balls. Roll in flour and brown well in hot fat. Add remaining ingredients, cover and cook slowly about 40 to 50 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Season to taste. Serves 4.

## Rice Meat Balls

1 pound ground beef  
1/2 cup raw rice  
1 onion, chopped fine  
1 teaspoon chopped parsley  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup bread crumbs  
1 can (No. 2 1/2) tomatoes  
1 chopped onion (additional)  
1 green pepper, chopped  
1 bay leaf  
1/2 teaspoon salt, dash pepper  
1 cup water  
Grated cheese

Combine beef, rice, onion, parsley, salt and bread crumbs and mix well. Shape into small balls. Place in heavy saucepan. Add tomatoes, chopped onion and green pepper, bay leaf and salt and simmer slowly. Add water if needed during the cooking. Cook 1 hour and serve. Sprinkle with grated cheese just before serving. Serves 6.

## French Fried Onion Rings

4 large mild onions  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup milk  
Dash of pepper  
1/2 cup flour  
Fat for frying

Wash and peel onions, slice 1/4 inch thick and separate slices into rings. Dip into milk, and then into flour seasoned with salt and pepper. Shake off excess flour. Fry in hot fat heated to 380 degrees F. for 4 to 6 minutes or until lightly browned. Drain on absorbent paper and serve hot. Serves 6.

## Rice Custard Pudding

2 eggs  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 cups scalded milk  
1 1/4 cups cooked rice  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
Dash of nutmeg  
1/2 cup raisins, cut  
figs or sliced dates

Beat the eggs, slightly, add sugar and salt and blend. Add the hot milk gradually, stirring constantly. Add the rice and remaining ingredients. Pour into a greased casserole and set in pan of hot

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## Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies

3/4 cup shortening  
1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
1/2 cup white sugar  
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/3 cup milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 cups oatmeal, uncooked  
1/2 cup chopped nut meats  
1 package semi-sweet chocolate morsels

Cream shortening until soft. Add sugars and vanilla and beat well. Sift flour with baking powder and salt and add to first mixture, alternately with milk. Add nuts, oatmeal and chocolate morsels. Drop from a teaspoon onto a greased cookie sheet and bake in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) for 12 minutes or until done. Makes 12 dozen.

## Chocolate Chiffon Pie

1 tablespoon gelatin  
1/4 cup cold water  
1 cup milk  
3 egg yolks  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
6 tablespoons cocoa or 2 squares chocolate, melted  
3 egg whites

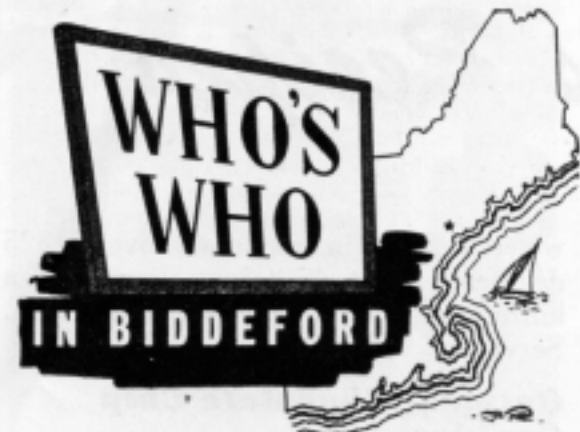
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1 can sliced pie apples  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
Dash of allspice and nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
Pastry  
1/2 cup light cream

Put half the apples in an oblong baking dish. Combine sugars, spices and lemon rind and add dash of salt. Sprinkle half the mixture over the apples. Top with remaining apples, and last of sugar mixture. Dot with butter. Roll pastry dough into a rectangle 1/4 inch thick and cut five decorative openings. Fit dough over apples, turning under 1/2 inch edge. Seal edges of pie. Brush with milk or water and sprinkle with sugar. Bake 20-30 minutes or until crust is brown, in hot oven (425 degrees). About 5 minutes before pie is done, pour cream into pie through openings. Cut in squares and serve warm.





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to school from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. Then when school was out, Clair is a pianist, so naturally she took lessons and had to practice. And of course she had to study and at 3:30 P.M. she came to work here in the Pepperell until 12 midnight. No wonder she got sick. Now no more school, music or studies until the doctor says so. Clair says she'll make it up later. . . . Birthday greetings to Beatrice Daudelin and Leslie Eastman. May you have many, many more happy years ahead of you. . . . Gaston Laflamme, who was working on the third shift, has now returned to the first shift. Welcome back, Gaston. . . . Urbain Perreault is very lucky. Every night since he got married his wife waits for him at midnight. . . . Say, Leo, when are you going to give us an exhibition of your figure skating? . . . The group from the first and second shifts of 18-3 enjoyed a delightful Christmas party during their lunch hours. Gifts were exchanged and songs were enjoyed by all. . . . Mrs. Laurette Savageau was in Boston where she attended the Ice Capades. . . . Sorry to loose Laurette Parent, but we wish her lots of luck in her new surroundings. . . . Juliette had a fall one morning. Someone had to go out to buy her another pair of stockings. . . . Readjustment of personnel has cost us Mrs. Gagnon. We hope you are happy where you are and good luck with your new work. . . . Our sincerest welcome is extended to our new learners—Germaine Bourque, Madeleine Rodrique and Lillian Dubois—may you like your work and be as happy here as we are happy to have you. . . . 18-2 will be an enviable place to work with all the new machines.

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Take a tip from Madeleine and don't try putting pennies in the stamp machine at the Post Office. . . . Ade is making quite a name for herself. She was the Bank Pres. Sec. in the movie "Best Years of Our Lives." Where do you keep that "Oscar"? . . . Andy had an enjoyable time tying up traffic on Main Street the other night. I think you'd better buy a bike, Andy. . . . Rachel must have lost her rabbit's foot lately, what with her clothes basket (full of wet clothes, of course) flying off the railing and water from the washing machine overflowing onto the floor. . . . Janice has done it again. That double skirt came in handy, didn't it, for a head piece. Harper's Bazaar is missing something. . . . We welcome Paul Bolduc to our humble abode. Hope you will like it here.

### AROUND THE PLANT

REPORTER: Mary Seall

There were two cute boys who were always together and now that one of them is not working, I guess the other must be lonesome in 13-1. . . . Mrs. Loranger, room girl in

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REPORTER: Kenneth Libby

Mrs. Brackett is so very proud of her husband. After being married for some time, she still talks about him constantly. He must be some man, though they say it wears off after awhile, but not this affair. But she still has to be careful about those flat tires Romeo Rodrique and Joe Landry were talking about. I said it and I'm glad. . . . We were sorry that Miss O'Brien was sick and couldn't be with us over the holidays, but we all hope she had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. . . . You should see Mrs. Firth hurry around to prepare her harnesses, etc. She actually runs around her frame like a chicken with its head cut off. . . . We are all trying so hard to appreciate Gilbert's new knee length stockings. We say they may be warm, but . . . Our heartiest congratulations go to Emmett Kearney, who a few days ago was a very, very proud father of a baby girl, which makes him a father of two "Darling Daughters." . . . Angela Pelouquin is doing a very fine job as a web drawer learner. Keep up the good work, Angela. . . . Diana Champagne presented Bob Poiré with a gift for Christmas. We had all been waiting to see the expression on his face. . . . The people of the Slasher room would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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Frances Mullens finally went on that trip up to Bangor. Seems she had such a swell time that the idea of coming back to work didn't appeal to her. But she made it. Was that your pre-Christmas visit, Fran? . . . Laurette B., who works in Room 13-2 on the winders, tells us that the good looking sailor of hers is making long

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**First Communion** picture of Richard, 12, Laura, 11, children of Mrs. Mary Parenteau, Rm. 18-5.



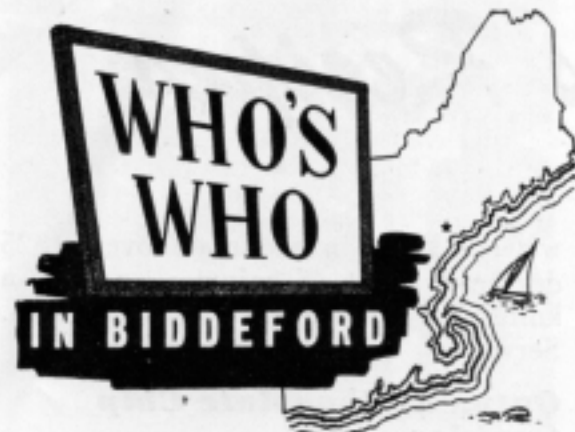
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**Proud father** of Patricia and Richard is Bob Hayford, who is employed in Dept. 18-1 at the mill.

**A friend** of Sheet Reporter Jean Laitres is Junior Vir, son of the Philip Virs.





Jack-Pots. Here in Dept. 18-1 we have a Jack-Pot and everyone here is more interested in this one than any of the others broadcast over the radio. . . . The other activity I wanted to talk about is a contest between the workers on quality of work and production. Each week Mr. Emery, the overseer, posts the names of all weavers on the Bulletin with their percentage of efficiency. Everyone of the weavers goes to this bulletin and sees what position he holds and are in continuous contest to try to get the highest average. This contest helps to enthuse the people to make a bigger effort to increase their work and better cloth. . . . About this time you'd like to know what I've learned about my fellow workers, so here goes: Mariette Montembeau has been welcomed to our circle this month. She is a weaver and comes from Canada. Her maiden name was Marcotte and she met a young man from Biddeford who was on a vacation in her home town. She was courted by this chap for two and one-half years. Now she bears his name, Eddie Montembeau. I asked if she liked it here and she said, "Yes, I don't work as hard; I work less hours and make more pay." When I asked what her pastime was when out of work, she said, "I go to school and hope to become a good American citizen." She is learning to speak English. . . . There is a friendship that has been outstanding in this department and that is of Mrs. Fairbrother and Miss Knoles. These two women are and have been friends and companions for twenty years. Now Miss Knoles has been transferred to the first shift. Mrs. Fairbrother hopes to go on soon. These two women are weavers. . . . Hunting season is over for George Bowers, Russell Fletcher, Leopold Rossignol, Max Voit and Eddie Hamlyn. The first three people are loom fixers and the fourth a knot tyer. The last one is a weaver. They all spent much of the hunting season in the hopes of bagging a deer and what do you know, not one deer was gotten by any of these members. Excuses were plentiful. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jackson have moved from their home in So. Portland to the Wadsworth Hotel in Portland. They like it very much and invite their friends to visit them. William is a weaver. . . . Gerard Richard, who is a weaver, was involved in an automobile accident on the Pool Road. No one was hurt but the damages to his car were plenty. The repairs will cost?????. . . . Eddy Doody has just announced that he has engaged a young maiden and intends to marry in the month of February 1949. The girl's name is???. Eddy is a weaver. . . . Clair Hubbert, who has been out on leave of absence because of sickness, is now at work again. She is doing loom girl work although she was a weaver before. Clair is a very ambitious girl and this is probably why she's been out sick. This was her schedule before her sickness. She went

to school from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. Then when school was out, Clair is a pianist, so naturally she took lessons and had to practice. And of course she had to study and at 3:30 P.M. she came to work here in the Pepperell until 12 midnight. No wonder she got sick. Now no more school, music or studies until the doctor says so. Clair says she'll make it up later. . . . Birthday greetings to Beatrice Daudelin and Leslie Eastman. May you have many, many more happy years ahead of you. . . . Gaston Laflamme, who was working on the third shift, has now returned to the first shift. Welcome back, Gaston. . . . Urbain Perreault is very lucky. Every night since he got married his wife waits for him at midnight. . . . Say, Leo, when are you going to give us an exhibition of your figure skating? . . . The group from the first and second shifts of 18-3 enjoyed a delightful Christmas party during their lunch hours. Gifts were exchanged and songs were enjoyed by all. . . . Mrs. Laurette Savageau was in Boston where she attended the Ice Capades. . . . Sorry to loose Laurette Parent, but we wish her lots of luck in her new surroundings. . . . Juliette had a fall one morning. Someone had to go out to buy her another pair of stockings. . . . Readjustment of personnel has cost us Mrs. Gagnon. We hope you are happy where you are and good luck with your new work. . . . Our sincerest welcome is extended to our new learners—Germaine Bourque, Madeleine Rodrique and Lillian Dubois—may you like your work and be as happy here as we are happy to have you. . . . 18-2 will be an enviable place to work with all the new machines.

**BLANKET CLOTH ROOM**

Take a tip from Madeleine and don't try putting pennies in the stamp machine at the Post Office. . . . Ade is making quite a name for herself. She was the Bank Pres. Sec. in the movie "Best Years of Our Lives." Where do you keep that "Oscar"? . . . Andy had an enjoyable time tying up traffic on Main Street the other night. I think you'd better buy a bike, Andy. . . . Rachel must have lost her rabbit's foot lately, what with her clothes basket (full of wet clothes, of course) flying off the railing and water from the washing machine overflowing onto the floor. . . . Janice has done it again. That double skirt came in handy, didn't it, for a head piece. Harper's Bazaar is missing something. . . . We welcome Paul Bolduc to our humble abode. Hope you will like it here.

**AROUND THE PLANT**

REPORTER: *Mary Seall*

There were two cute boys who were always together and now that one of them is not working, I guess the other must be lonesome in 13-1. . . . Mrs. Lorranger, room girl in

13-1, was out on account of illness. We hope that she will be better soon. . . . Rachel Goulet was very happy a month ago after her boy friend had won a thousand dollars. What a lucky fellow he is. . . . We hope that Marie-Ange Vallancourt had a nice time at her niece's wedding. . . . We are glad to have Valade Methot back to work in the weave room again. She has been cleaning in 9-3. . . . Gloria Martel seems to get along fine with her boy friend. When are you getting married, Gloria? They both work in 13-1. . . . Claudia Beaudoin is a very happy person. No matter how hard she works she still likes to joke and make other people laugh. . . . Rosilda Lamontagne was a battery hand in 13-1; now she is working in 8-2. How do you like it there? . . . Fortunat Goulet's son got married last month. We think that he must miss him a lot, but you should have seen what a nice wedding he had. . . . Laurette Morris doesn't stay home often now since they bought a car; they are going places now.

**SHEETING SLASHING**

REPORTER: *Kenneth Libby*

Mrs. Brackett is so very proud of her husband. After being married for some time, she still talks about him constantly. He must be some man, though they say it wears off after awhile, but not this affair. But she still has to be careful about those flat tires Romeo Rodrique and Joe Landry were talking about. I said it and I'm glad. . . . We were sorry that Miss O'Brien was sick and couldn't be with us over the holidays, but we all hope she had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. . . . You should see Mrs. Firth hurry around to prepare her harnesses, etc. She actually runs around her frame like a chicken with its head cut off. . . . We are all trying so hard to appreciate Gilbert's new knee length stockings. We say they may be warm, but . . . Our heartiest congratulations go to Emmett Kearney, who a few days ago was a very, very proud father of a baby girl, which makes him a father of two "Darling Daughters." . . . Angela Pelouin is doing a very fine job as a web drawer learner. Keep up the good work, Angela. . . . Diana Champagne presented Bob Poiré with a gift for Christmas. We had all been waiting to see the expression on his face. . . . The people of the Slasher room would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

**BLANKET CARDING**

REPORTERS: *Geraldine Lawlor, Janet Caron*

Frances Mullens finally went on that trip up to Bangor. Seems she had such a swell time that the idea of coming back to work didn't appeal to her. But she made it. Was that your pre-Christmas visit, Fran? . . . Laurette B., who works in Room 13-2 on the winders, tells us that the good looking sailor of hers is making long

**Pretty** Helene Coolbrith is a Sample Inspector in the Biddeford Blanket Division.



**First Communion** picture of Richard, 12, Laura, 11, children of Mrs. Mary Parenteau, Rm. 18-5.



**Anne Judith** Ayer, 19-months-old granddaughter of Stock Room Foreman Loyal Grant, Biddeford.



**Jean** Laitre's niece, Leona Thibeault, is training to be a nurse.





### Who's Who in Biddeford (Cont.)

distance phone calls from Florida. Will he be stationed there long, Laurette? Love is grand. . . . Roland L. from 15-4 seems very, very happy these days. I wonder. Could it be that Rolly has a steady date with a dream? Is she the one you met on that trip to Canada "Old Boy"? Come on, spill it. . . Who was that I saw coming out of the Pastime Bowling Alley that Friday night? Will give you a hint, folks. He is the fixer in Room 15-5 on the second shift and I believe his initials are L. P. Taking up Bowling, Lou? This I must see. . . . Pauline L. seemed to be all tired out from the Christmas shopping. She was telling us about it. Cheer up, Polly, we do it only once a year. By the way, don't forget that lollypop you promised me. . . . Say, Con, some people don't seem to like your crew cut. They would like to know whether you use a hedge trimmer or an axe. But we think you look rather cute. . . . We wonder why there is always a big rush at lunch time every night. Seems to be something cooking at the Cafeteria. How about that, Mrs. Goulet, are you all that hungry?

### BLANKET WEAVING

REPORTERS: *Jeanne Laitres, Floriette Cote*

It is nice to be jack-of-all-trades, eh Gobeil? Roll man on tables, weaving, etc. Good for you. . . . An Xmas party was held for the women of the second shift. We had a very, very good time, thanks to Lorraine Kallstrom. I bet she had a wonderful time cleaning the house afterward. The Christmas tree was wonderful and so was the toast. Thanks again from all of us. . . . Gloria Cyr-Santa visited her early this year with a pair of figure skates so she could try them before Xmas and return if not satisfied before the 25th. . . . Goelette Jacques has been transferred to the first shift; hope you like it. . . . We are very sorry to have lost one of our good friends, Laurette Cote, who is now working in Hartford, Conn. We miss you, Laurette. . . . Bertha Caouette had a very enjoyable vacation in Sherbrooke and Montreal. She was glad to come back; she says it is too cold over there. . . . Bridget Roy sure can handle those looms, working all the time. Keep it up, Bridget. . . . Wonder who is still making that noise; could it be Jeanne Lasante? It's her all right; couldn't be anybody else but Jeanne. . . . We hear that Jerry Tardiff's little tot is growing up every day. Won't be long before he reaches his daddy. . . . Every morning we see that little man around the tables; who could it be? Nobody else but Ralph Dumont. We sure like our coffee and tea hot from the Cafeteria. . . . Are you still gaining weight, Rudy? Well don't visit that scale in the Napping Room too often.



### MACHINE SHOP

REPORTER: *Maurice Crowley*

Ray Jordan has bought a new home on Bleachery Hill. Ray says he likes it up there, plenty of fresh air and a beautiful view. . . . Pete Belinsky has started feeding the pigeons at noon hours. This will keep him busy for the winter months. . . . We don't hear any more about Range Pond. Ed Haskell must have lost the argument with Frank. . . . Watchman Bill McKenney is a hero in the eyes of some fair damsel. You know, Bill. . . . We wonder if Jackson ever did pay for that broken glass in the door. . . . Val Lacoursiere spent Christmas with his folks in Canada. Plenty of snow and early, too, up there, he said. . . . No place like home. Carrigan will vouch for that, won't you Carrigan? . . . The Christmas party at the Y.M.C.A. was a success, and everybody agreed that it was better than Poland Spring. . . . Calvin Raymond played Santa Claus for the McFalls school kids this year. Cal is a member of the school committee, Justice of the Peace, Dog Catcher and Tax Collector. . . . Al Bernard has a story that is quite exciting about a kindly old man at Christmas time. Right, Al? . . . Fred Robideau has no more luck fishing than he does hunting. There's some jinx following him, and Fred would like to know how to get rid of it.

### NAPPING ROOM NO. 1

REPORTER: *Joseph Wailus*

New Year's resolutions were made by quite a few of you. Now, we are wondering who will keep his the longest. . . . Phil Poussard had a couple of Xmas gifts which he liked best of all as they made him happy. Was it a solid or a liquid, Phil? . . . George has come out with a few more dance steps. "The Hackett Street Tap" and "The Little Canada Kick." Pretty soon you will be giving Arthur Murray competition, George. . . . Joe Poulin says he likes nice big juicy steaks. . . . Well, who doesn't, Joe? How come you always have yours served between rolls? . . . Fred Marquis is living back in Lewiston and likes his new home very much. Don't miss that

one and only bus in the morning, Fred. It's a long walk to work. . . . Mr. Parent is often seen but seldom heard. That's how quiet he is.

### STOREHOUSE

REPORTER: *Alexander Mercier*

Guess somebody else needs a map in the Store House. Ernest Gauvin had a box in the slide instead of the Packing Room. . . . Wallace Tierney's doctor told him to lay off the refreshments or else the death house awaits him. Be careful, Wally. . . . A very dear friend of Jerry Laliberte offered him a cigarette, and boom, another explosion. Kinda catching, isn't it? . . . Well, Dan Lalonde is back with his pal Gilbert. Now there will be plenty of sports gab. . . . Pete Poulin is quite a politician. We should have him in the Senate. . . . Al Lebrun says he celebrated New Year's. He probably had lots of fun. . . . Lorenzo Fontaine has himself a promotion. He is now on the Shipping Floor. Good for you, Lorenzo. . . . Dave Ouellette, Pete's comrade, is a hard working man.

### FRAME ROOM

REPORTER: *Michel Souri*

To Bill Healey: Leo and Rodney would like to know whose turn it is to buy the cokes. It seems that Bill forgot his money at home and the boys went dry for three days. . . . Henry Libby received a new watch from Santa. Henry says it is a lot of work to keep it running. We agree, Henry, but think of the nice Mickey Mouse you have on the dial. . . . Someone must have given Earl Adams a comb for Christmas. We saw you come in to work one day with your hair combed, and we must say that it made you look better, Earl. . . . Leo Roy is now part owner of the Marvin and Cumberland Hotels. Leo, why not give Bill Healey a chance to sing? But remember, you have to pay him.

### OFFICE

REPORTER: *Daisy Jones*

Joan Thibodeau entered the office one morning recently looking cute as a button. The reason?—A short feather-cut. Very nice, Joan! . . . Wally should have learned by now that he always loses when he matches with Ted for a coke. By the law of averages you should win once in awhile, Wally. . . . "Babe" Dechene stayed up 'til the wee small hours to finish her knitting and found it didn't pay. The next day she could barely keep her eyes open. . . . Betty Perkins has a very "snazzy" new pair of gray shoes. We can all plainly see why she didn't take THOSE back. . . . Marcel Gardner had a wonderful time at his first Pepperell Christmas Party. . . . Vi Martel is wearing that cherished stone on the third finger, left hand. When is the big day,

**Rene Arsenault**, left, and his brother, Henry, right, are the sons of Mrs. Mina Arsenault, a Sheet Factory Stitcher. Rene toots a mean sax for the St. Dom High School Band.



**Peter "Butch" Yakawonis** is 16-mos.-old son of Lewiston's Gray Room Foreman, John Yakawonis.



**Groom Patry** and Bride Delisle at mock marriage for Blanche Gagnon, Lewiston.



Vi? . . . Nice picture of you in the paper Dot Mynahan. And, by the way, why no request for "Alouette" at the party this year? . . . If you can't bowl in high heels take your shoes off! Audrey did, and improved (?) her score. . . . Carl Morrill (who will hate us for this) fell recently and got all tangled up with his chair. He found it very hard to explain, but accidents will happen. . . . Lorraine Poulin looked very charming, we hear, at the Kiwanis Kabaret. She tells us that she had a wonderful time. . . . The Knitting Club held its last meeting at the home of Dot Wellander. Everyone accomplished a lot when they finally found the place, but Babe Dechene certainly had a tough time finding it. She got awfully tired of ringing the wrong door bell.

**SHEET FACTORY**

REPORTERS: Rebecca Nolin and Elsie Stewart

Mary Bolduc was a lucky young lady. Just before Christmas she received something very special for the "Tummy." . . . Arthur Lavelle says of all his Christmas gifts, the one he enjoyed most was the frozen custard. . . . Doris Skillin went to a Christmas party and for her gift received six cans of her favorite fish. . . . Wilfred Mailhot has been going around with his chest out since he became the daddy of a fine boy. Congratulations, Wilfred. . . . Val Drouin, red suit, white whiskers, and all the trimmings, made a fine old St. Nicholas. He was kept on the jump Christmas Eve when he had twenty-two children to make happy. . . . They say Archie Bouchard is enjoying his new Hamilton piano. Are you going in for concert work, Archie? . . . Florence Chandonet fared very well at Christmas time. Besides moving into her new home for the holiday, her husband presented her with a beautiful kid-skin fur coat. Nice going, Florence. . . . Marie Martineau celebrated her birthday just before the holidays. She received lots of nice presents, including a lovely watch bracelet from friend hubby. . . . A fine time was had at a Christmas party staged by Jane Coady and Corrine Lessard at the home of the former. Guests were a group of the stitchers and doublers. . . . Stella Labrecque still likes to talk about the deer her husband brought home last Fall. We don't blame you, Stella. . . . Bertha and Betty Roberge are settled in their new apartment and are very much pleased with it. . . . Sara Rancourt was happy to have her son home for Christmas. The boy flew from California. . . . Congratulations to Mrs. Duval. She is the former Vicky Beauchene. We wish her lots of happiness. . . . Al Gallant says that Santa Claus was real good to him. . . . To Jeanette Lizotte, who recently lost her mother, we extend our most sincere sympathy. . . . Gisele Cloutier has been knocking our eyes out with her diamond. Lots of

luck, Gisele. . . . Theresa Greeley surely was lucky to hit the jackpot just before Christmas. She must live right. . . . Alma Cote did pretty well, too, only her prize was in liquid form. . . . Irene Hammond gets all the breaks. Just look where she is now—right near the men's room. . . . Milly Forrest had herself a nice time at the Clan Campbell Xmas party. . . . We are glad to see George Morin back giving out work to the presses. . . . We hope that Lucy Begert's mother has fully recovered from the effects of a fall she had last month. . . . The upstairs girls miss Rose Maxfield since she went to work on the lower floor. . . . Agreda Paquette has been snapping everybody since she got the new camera at Christmas time. . . . Margaret Cliche also received a camera from Santa Claus. There should be a lot of good pictures circulating around these days. . . . Rose Anne Levesque says this weather reminds her of California. . . . Timmy Sullivan says there is something missing around where he works. We wonder what, or who, it can be. . . . To Gisele Cloutier, who lost her brother last month, goes our most sincere sympathy. . . . We hope that Myra Conley's husband will get well real soon. He is undergoing treatment at Togus at present. . . . We missed Helen Soule during the Xmas holidays and we surely hope she will be back with us again before long. . . . Helen Brazas thinks she might be able to do a little reducing on the new presses. . . . Irene Hammond is seriously thinking of going into the baby sitting business. She says she has a way with babies. . . . Agnes Cychol has been enjoying the ice fishing at Lake Auburn. Agnes certainly knows her reels and tackles. . . . They say Antoinette Leblanc is a very proficient pinochle player and that she would just as soon play cards as eat. This we want to see. . . . Anna Maude Pelletier is kept busy feeding the cats. Don't give them indigestion, Anna Maude. . . . Millie Lessard enjoyed herself immensely over the holidays. She also reports that she fared pretty well at the hands of Santa Claus. . . . Mary Mansfield is very quiet but she gets there just the same. Mary has been with us a long time and she is a good worker. . . . Ella Mottram denies the story in last month's Sheet which stated that she was afraid of cats. Bring on your cats, says Ella. . . . We hope that Bessie McEnna won't have a recurrence of the weak spell she suffered last month. Take it easy, Bessie. Good women are scarce. . . . Blanche Drouin does quite a job with the spray gun. Bugs don't have a chance when she starts spraying. . . . We trust that Rolande Valle, who underwent an operation recently, will have a speedy recovery. . . . We are glad to have Edith Lonerger with us on the lower floor. Edith must find it quite different working on the day shift. . . .

Irma Prince staged a gala New Year's party at her home. We hear everybody had a good time. . . . Lena Langlais, who has been supervising the work on the St. Dom's athletic field, has put her stamp of approval on operations so far. . . . Alice Pomerleau has been keeping busy on the farm. She says there are always plenty of chores to do. Especially with a bull around. . . . Germaine Perrier attended Midnight Mass at Holy Cross Church. . . . Emily Marcotte says it was just one round of parties at Christmas. Good thing it only comes once a year, eh, Millie? . . . Welcome downstairs, Maurette Richards. She has been working upstairs until recently. . . . Yvonne Bizier had quite an experience when she was stuck in the snow in the mountains. Everything turned out all right, though, she says.



**SPINNING DEPARTMENT**

REPORTER: Marie Pestana

The trimmings on the office door added spirit for the holidays. Do you happen to know anything about it, Alfred Ouellette? . . . Congratulations are extended to George Cardozo and wife who recently became the proud parents of a baby boy. Isn't it wonderful the way our list of dads is increasing? . . . To Manuel Ferreira we extend congratulations. He has become a granddad for the second time. Lots of luck, health and happiness to you and yours. . . . A party was given in honor of the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Chagnon. Lena works in our department. Many friends and relatives attended. George received a diamond ring while Lena received a watch. Congratulations and many more years of wedded bliss. . . . To Eva Chmura a friendly warning not to pass me up. I'll just have to call your attention to it if you should. . . . "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again." This applies to Lillian Roussell who made cookies and had no flavoring in them. Her husband too. He recently discovered a method of taking invisible pictures. They were

**Happy** smiles from William Tielden, wife and daughter at Fall River Xmas Party.



**Fall River** Guard Matt Billington when he was a member of "Black Watch," 42d Regt., World War I.



**Proud parents** are Mary (Buckley) Holden and her husband. Baby is named Joseph after his dad.



**Spinner** Lena Chagnon and husband, George, at 25th Anniversary.





the prettiest set of blanks you ever did see. *And* after many years of experience, too. You two sure need a helping hand. . . . One who never forgets her husband's lunch is Mary Vail. She always manages to get his afternoon lunch. That's why you may have seen Eugene going home with a pastry box. . . . A family woman at heart is Angelina Di-Fonzo. Her grandchildren are her pride and joy. She spends many enjoyable hours entertaining them. Here's hoping you keep young enough to keep up with them. . . . Come on, Alice Arden, don't let the holidays get you. We miss you when you aren't around. . . . Mary Alves surely is good to herself. She finished her crochet bedspread for Christmas as she said she would. Your room must have looked beautiful. It must have been admired by all who saw it. . . . Home from the service for the holidays was Henry Reis, son of Manuel Reis. It must have made you quite happy to have him home, Manuel. . . . Known only to Henry Chevalier is the P.A.C. (protection against colds.) The only time you may catch him and discover the secret is if you see him go into the smoke room. Him and his kerchief. . . . A penny for your thoughts, Irene Ramalho. If I could only take up mind reading, you'd sure keep me busy. What a column we'd have then. . . . Helen Uchman has found out that these slippery mornings are very unpleasant. Especially if your feet give from under you and you find yourself in a sitting position. . . . It's nice seeing Mary Governo fully recovered and back to work with us. Good health in the future, Mary. . . . That was a fine time for you to get sick, during the holidays, Aldea. Anyway, we're glad you got well fast. . . . The trip made to Canada by Mary Landry last summer has sure helped her. She was found fishing in our department with an audience of Mary Alves, Anita Caouette and a few others. . . . To the list of newlyweds goes Alice Frechette's daughter. Congratulations to you upon gaining a son-in-law and also to your daughter in her new life. . . . Wide awake and in a gay mood most mornings are Arthur and Hector Smith. But if it's a stormy morning . . . oh, well!! We won't mention that. We all have our troubles. Especially when you have a car.

### **"A" CLOTH ROOM**

REPORTER: *T. Waterworth*

We don't have much to report on this month, but we really can't let the Sheet go by without mentioning our two very nice parties celebrated over the holidays. We would like to let you know about our Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged by everyone present and we had the usual mistletoe. Only the single men in our department took advantage of this, though. . . . Our New Year's party was held during the lunch period. Entertainment was provided by Lewis Codeiro and his guitar. Everyone seemed to have had a very nice time. Sorry we don't have anything else to report on this month but we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

### **"B" CLOTH ROOM**

REPORTER: *Vera Isabel*

From all reports, Mary Barek is doing fine after her recent operation. Keep up the good work, Mary. . . . Frances thought Anna would like to have her two front teeth for Christmas, so she made her two very nice ones from a piece of soap. Watch out, Frances, or you'll be putting the dentist out of business. . . . Upon investigating a crowd gathered in front of the fire station, I found our own Elna, dejectedly watching the firemen put out a fire which had started in her car. She never realized a crowd could gather as fast as they did. Embarrassing moments, huh Elna? . . . Rita was going to have a nice sup-

per in her new pressure cooker her son gave her for Christmas. Things didn't turn out very well for her though. The cover came off and there was her whole supper hanging from the ceiling. The cover was resting very nicely on the branches of the Christmas tree. You know the old saying, Rita, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again."

### **"B" WEAVE ROOM**

REPORTER: *Irene Cyr*

We were sorry to hear that George Larivee's son was hurt while sliding, recently. We hope he will be home and playing again by the time you read this, George. . . . Angelo Shardella, one of our weavers, is very proud these days. His mother has arrived from Italy. They had not seen each other for twenty-two years. It was a grand reunion for Mrs. Sbardella and her three sons. This is the first time she has ever seen a Christmas tree and she is seventy-four years old. . . . Ralph Barnes, third shift, is the proud father of a baby boy. Mother and son doing fine. Congratulations!! . . . The women in our department exchanged Christmas gifts. It was a great deal of fun. . . . George Howard is not sorry the Christmas holidays are over. He was an extra clerk at the Main Post Office in addition to his working the third shift here. He claims he saw cards and packages in his sleep. . . . Thanks to the Maintenance Dept., the Clinic and grounds were very nicely decorated.

### **CARDING DEPARTMENT**

REPORTER: *Catherine Fallon*

Hope you enjoyed the Christmas Holidays and we would like to wish you all a very happy New Year. . . . The girls in the Carding Dept. had a Christmas party and everyone seemed to have had a grand time. Mrs. Patenaude went to see Santa Claus and we are wondering how she made out. . . . Mary Furtado did all right for herself. She got a new car for Christmas. Not bad, Mary. How do you do it? . . . We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Henry Boudreau and his family on their recent bereavement. His father worked with us for a good many years. . . . We also wish to express our sympathy at this time to John and Adam Defusco, whose grandmother passed away. . . . We were sorry to hear that Mary Stone had a fire in her house. Hope the damage was not much. . . . Mary's daughter, Veronica, is joining the Women's Air Corps. The very best of luck, Veronica. . . . Where did you get the new mustache, Manuel?

### **RAYON DEPT.**

REPORTER: *Anne Houle*

Well, here we are, halfway through the winter and only twenty-eight days to worry about in the month of February. That's a consolation. . . . Wanted: Wider alleys for the safety and convenience of Mary Francoeur and Annette Aubin. It's a tight squeeze now, when the two of them meet. . . . If any of you folks are afraid to go to the dentist, we advise you to have a few words with Florence Hathaway. We're quite sure she will give you the courage needed. Having a tooth pulled doesn't mean a thing to Florence. . . . Doris Shoard had a casualty in her house recently. Her dog broke his leg and had to walk around with it in a splint. Hope it's better, Doris, as we know how attached you are to him. . . . Now that Lucien Archambault has hit the 6'-4" mark, we hope he doesn't grow any taller. We all feel like midgets when we stand near him. You'd be a basketball coach's dream come true if you tried out for the sport. . . . Before Christmas, Ida King, like so many other mothers, had to go shopping without her daughters, Barbara and Gloria. When Ida explained to

them that she wanted to have a private talk with Santa, Barbara, with all the innocence of her age, promptly told her mother that she couldn't very well do that because Santa didn't allow grownups to sit on his lap. . . . Annette Aubin's son, Donald, celebrated his sixth birthday recently. Belated birthday greetings, Donald. We know your mother had a wonderful party for you. . . . We would like to welcome Norman Pierce to the Winding Dept. We can't help wondering if you were ever a head waiter. The way you carry the racks makes us think you were. . . . Gil Affonso, or should we call him Salesman Sam, did a wonderful job selling corsages and wreaths. . . . I know it isn't polite to laugh at others' misfortunes, but it must have been funny the day Joe Wood tried to show the bees who was boss and ended up by getting stung on the eye and ear. I'll bet you'll be more careful the next time, Joe. . . . I suppose I should apologize to Mariette Pouliot for having made fun of her when she lost her voice. Not long after she was cured, I got a taste of it myself. . . . I really hope Milton Viens never falls a victim to laryngitis. He'd be miserable if he couldn't sing. . . . How do you get that way, Wallace Coulombe, dyeing your overalls red? You know there's only one fellow who wears red pants and that's Santa Claus. If you want red overalls, then we must insist you grow a white beard. . . . While we're on the subject of the Jolly Old Man we can't overlook the headlines that Ray Houde made in the Herald News for playing the role of Santa Claus for the children at their Christmas party here at Pepperell. . . . We are wondering who the joke was on the day Dot Furtado gave Ida King fifty cents to buy her a package of cigarettes at the cafeteria. Somehow or other, it slipped Ida's mind and as a result, Ida had fifty cents extra to spend for her lunch. When she came back to Dot, there were no smokes and no fifty cents. . . . We're sorry that Doris Shoard, Mary Corrigan and Bertha Jolivet were transferred to the other mill. We miss them very much. . . . Did you know that the Rayon Warping, Winding, Slashing and Weaving Dept. won the Oscar for 100% in the Community Drive? Many thanks to all those who made it such a success. . . . When this issue is published, we are sure that our Weave Room Second Hand, William Gempp, will be enjoying a speedy recovery. We are all behind you, Bill. When the "SOS" was posted, asking for blood plasma donors, which you were badly in need of, we are pleased to inform you that fifteen employees of Pepperell responded to the call within a few hours. Until you can do so personally, permit us, Bill, to gratefully thank them for their splendid response. Until then, and with best wishes from all of us, HURRY UP AND GET WELL.

### **MAINTENANCE DEPT.**

REPORTER: *H. Chace*

We have just finished thumbing through the January issue of the Sheet and that center section spread of the Maint. gang at work and at play really got us. If we have ever seen a bunch of "freighters," that was it. . . . Fat Durand didn't look like he was playing crib; e, whereas Harold Marston looked smug enough to have drunk the coke before he had even won it. . . . That gang in the boiler room (so. end), Manuel, Mitty, Fred and Bill, ought to be called the Signalers. . . . Pat Lovett was sleeping like a man who had one of Mr. F's calendar girls in his arms. . . . If that welding room is a recreation hall, I'll eat corn pone and turnip greens 'til next St. Patrick's Day. . . . We would like to welcome Leonard Shepardson, the new fireman, and congratulate him on the birth of his baby daughter, who arrived about the same time he did.



# SNOW SHOVELING —

BE CAREFUL!  
— IT MAY HURT YOUR BACK.

YOU'RE  
TELLING  
ME?



DON'T OVER-DO  
THAT SHOVELING, JOSEPH!  
REMEMBER HOW YOU HURT  
YOUR BACK LAST  
WINTER.

WHOLE HOG OR NONE!  
— THAT'S JOE. KITTY  
WEARS HERSELF OUT  
GETTING HIM GOING,  
THEN HE KEEPS AT IT  
TILL HE GETS LAID UP  
AND LOSES  
A WEEK'S  
PAY.

SAY! YOU PESTERED  
ME TILL I GOT AT THIS JOB.  
NOW YOU'RE YELLING  
TO STOP. MAKE UP  
YOUR MIND!

HE'S THE SAME  
AT THE MILL.  
IF JOE USED  
HIS BRAIN  
WE WOULDN'T  
RECOGNIZE HIM.

THESE GUYS  
OUGHTA ACT THEIR AGE.  
SOME EXERCISE DOES  
YOU GOOD, BUT TOO MUCH  
CAN LEAVE YOU WITH  
A BUM HEART.

EVERY TIME HE BENDS  
OVER TO PICK SOMETHING  
UP TOMORROW, HE'LL  
YELL LIKE A STUCK PIG.  
AND I BET YOU TWO  
BUCKS HE WILL BLAME  
EVERYBODY BUT  
HIMSELF.

WHILE OUR OLD FRIEND JOE  
MAKES WITH THE SNOW SHOVEL,  
THE NEIGHBORS PEEK INTO THE CRYSTAL  
BALL AND PREDICT THE FUTURE.

— JACK BLISS —



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